

My Home, Your Home Inc.
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Our Mission:
Bringing families hope,
one individual at a time.

Overview of My Home, Your Home Inc.

Who we are

My Home, Your Home Inc. is an accredited nonprofit social service agency in Milwaukee's inner city. We serve more than 1,200 children, youth and adults annually.

We have about 50 employees and operate at four locations. We were incorporated in 1989.

The late Irma Walker and her husband, Aubrey, founded My Home, Your Home as a way of improving the foster-care system. The Walkers had experienced the system first-hand when they opened their home to children needing immediate help. The organization's first program, to keep siblings together while in foster care, was launched in 1993. The Walkers retired at the end of 2007. Mrs. Walker passed away in November of 2008.

Executive team

Constance (Connie) Palmer-Jones, Chief Executive Officer -- Ms. Palmer-Jones previously was My Home Your Home's executive director, associate director and human resource manager, and earlier was the agency's program/activity director. She has also served on the My Home, Your Home board.

She has also held positions as program director at the Lapham Park COA in Milwaukee, the Children and Family Resource Center in Racine, and the Institute for Child and Family Development in Milwaukee.

In 2009, Ms. Palmer-Jones received the Black Excellence Award for Social Service presented by the Milwaukee Urban League, Johnson Controls, WISN-TV and The Milwaukee



The late Irma Walker (left) founded My Home, Your Home Inc., which is now headed by Constance Palmer-Jones.

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Times. She has a bachelor's degree in human services, with a concentration in criminal justice, from Springfield College. She is on the board of Capitol West Academy.

Brenda J. Hoskins, Associate Director -- Brenda J. Hoskins holds a Bachelors and Master's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. This is her second tour of duty with My Home, Your Home Inc. Earlier, she had been the agency's Chief Social Services Officer.

In 2009, the Southeastern Wisconsin branch of the National Association of Social Workers named her Social Worker of the Year for Child Welfare Administration.

Ms. Hoskins has extensive experience in social service in the Milwaukee area. For seven years, she was a case manager/licensing-and-adoption worker in the Youth Services Division of the Milwaukee County Department of Human Services. She also has been a supervisor at Innovative Family Partnerships of Milwaukee, and medical social worker at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin



Brenda J.
Hoskins

Outside of Wisconsin, she has been social worker/coordinator at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia and assessment worker supervisor at the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging in Philadelphia.

Brian Resch, Comptroller -- Brian Resch, who joined My Home, Your Home in 2008, has been Chief Financial Officer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee, Director of Finance and Administration of Public Allies, Inc., and Controller of Next Door Foundation. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

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Our programs

- **Treatment Foster Care (TFC)** serves the child welfare system's most severely abused and neglected children. In 2009, TFC found homes for 80 children. Because of the trauma these children have suffered, they have a high level of medical, emotional or behavioral needs. Children in Treatment Foster Care range in age from newborn to as old as 19. We recruit, license and train foster families to cope with the opportunities and challenges presented by children who have mental and physical handicaps. We have more than 60 homes available. Our Nurturing Program, a component of Treatment Foster Care, prevents child abuse and neglect through group sessions with families.

- **Wraparound Care** is for children with serious emotional and mental health needs and for their families. In 2009, we helped 125 children and their families. Most children enter the Wraparound program because of a Juvenile Court finding of delinquency. Others have been adjudicated to be a Child in Need of Protective Services (CHIPS), or a Juvenile in Need of Protective Services (JIPS). These children are coping with parents' incarceration, abandonment by parents, having caretakers with substance-abuse problems, or having to live outside their parents' home. Our care coordinators are accessible 24/7 to respond to the immediate needs of these children.

- **Lissy's Place** is the only transitional housing program in this area for homeless/abused women -- and women formerly in foster care -- between the ages of 18 and 29. Lissy's Place also accepts 17-year-old women with emotional and mental health issues who are in the Wraparound Milwaukee program.

More than 400 young women have been residents since Lissy's Place opened on Sept. 4, 2001. Capacity is 17 at a time. We have a waiting list. Maximum stay is two years.



Lissy's Place



AMAD's Place

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The goal of the program is to assist the women to increase skills and resources so they can move to independence. Lissy's Place opened in 2001.

At Lissy's Place, participants must get a job or enroll in a job-training program within 60 days of moving in. Once employed, participants must pay 10% of their income as a program participation fee and put \$75 a month in a savings account. We provide case management, life-skills training, counseling on educational opportunities and employment, and even bus tickets to work, school or doctor.

- **AMAD's Place** is an stabilization home/temporary shelter for adolescent boys in Milwaukee. Because of emotional or behavioral problems or parental maltreatment, these boys could not remain in their home or foster home. We determine the needs of the youths, provide structure and stability, and prepare them for their next placement. In 2009, 80 boys between the ages of 12 and 17 stayed at AMAD's Place. AMAD's Place has eight beds available. For every three boys, there is at least one staff member.
- **Access to Recovery (ATR)** is an alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) service. Our Recovery Support Coordinators organize a team with clients to assess their needs, create strategies and goals for success, identify barriers to avoid relapse and develop a comprehensive care plan. In 2009, 550 adults were helped.

Administration sites

My Home, Your Home's administration building is at 6200 W. Center St. in Milwaukee. There is also an auxiliary office at 1862 W. Fond du Lac Ave.

Our partnerships

My Home, Your Home partners with these organizations:

The African American Alliance for Children and Families of Wisconsin; African American Women's Club of Wisconsin; Alliance for Children and Families; Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee (agency #265); Foster Family Treatment Association; Milwaukee Brighter Futures; Milwaukee Continuum of Care; Milwaukee Legal Initiative for Nonprofit Corporations; Milwaukee Urban League Young Professionals; National Black Child Development Institute; Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee; United Way of Greater Milwaukee (agency #1770130), Urban Economic Development Association of Wisconsin; Wisconsin Association of Child and Youth Care Professionals, Wisconsin Association of Family & Children's Agencies; and the Wisconsin Nonprofits Association.

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Accreditation/Performance and Quality Improvement

My Home, Your Home Inc. has been awarded accreditation by the Council on Accreditation, of New York City, affirming that all of our programs meet national standards.

The Council on Accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of both an organization's administrative operations and its service delivery practices. All are "measured" against national standards of best practice. These standards emphasize services that are accessible, appropriate, culturally responsive, evidence based, and outcomes-oriented.

In addition, compliance with these standards demonstrates that the services are provided by a skilled and supported workforce and that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

In order to maintain high standards, we have a Performance and Quality Improvement (PQI) program to eliminate internal and external barriers to achieving accountability. The PQI Specialist and the agency-wide PQI Committee review all of our operations, particularly client services.

Financial Support

My Home, Your Home receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the State of Wisconsin, Milwaukee County, Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee (agency #265), United Way of Greater Milwaukee (agency #1770130), foundations, corporations, educational institutions and private individuals.

My Home, Your Home also conducts an annual fund-raising event attended by nearly 300 supporters in the community.

My Home, Your Home holds State of Wisconsin Charitable Organization License No. 6097-800.

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